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1. It is entirely possible that [] could make a greater contribution as a P/A engaged in operations against the Baltic area. It is our intention so to use him should any leads in this direction come up. However, such leads are rare and he can also make a contribution in the REDCAP effort, where he represents the only new P/A acquired in the one year of []'s association with the REDCAP effort. If we had a half-dozen other P/As on the string equally competent and equally trained, we might more vigorously pursue the possibilities of Baltic operations.

2. [] informed us that []'s position in Berlin was sound. Despite the fact that [] was fired, [] remains in good standing with his organization. [] reports that [] was offered two other responsible jobs in Bonn; one as a reports officer and one as the operations officer but he turned both down stating that he wanted to remain in Berlin. He was told he could do so and it is his present plan to remain here indefinitely. [] will be reporting separately on the [] office and the []/ZIPPER relationships but it is apparent that [] is anxious to assist us in any way he can. The name under which [] knows [] is an alias.

3. We concur in your estimate of the value of CAMLET's firm for provision of cover. []'s affiliation with this firm was discussed with [] who recommended it as the only possible cover facility we had that would be appropriate in any way to []'s background. The only other alternate we had was his employment with the post headquarters unit which we regard as wholly undesirable on any terms. Since the CAMLET cover will only be used for purposes of

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explaining his income to prevent investigation by the tax authorities, it is not felt that it is per se contributing substantially to overloading this firm. We had delayed implementing this since we wanted to be sure [] was going to settle down satisfactorily. He is understandably anxious to solidify these arrangements and we would like to proceed with this step immediately. We will await your clearance before doing so, but do request you to bear in mind that we have no other alternatives except the CAMLET one.

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